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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8115

INFO AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 3114

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, NG, IV

SUBJECT: MORE ON NIGER COUP

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM FONMIN SHOUCHE THAT PRESIDENT DIORI'S SON IS NOW IN ABIDJAN HOSPITAL QTE FILLED WITH BULLET HOLES UNQTE. FACT IS SAID TO BE CONSIDERED TOP SECRET BY GOIC.

2. SOURCE'S UNDERSTANDING OF COUP EVENTS AS FOLLOWS: DECISION TO OVERTHROW DIORI MADE BY MILITARY ONLY THREE DAYS BEFORE EVENT. WHEN SOLDIERS CAME TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE DIORI PHONED FRENCH EMBASSY TO REQUEST FRENCH TROOPS AT BASE NEARBY TO DEFEND HIM. THINKING FRENCH UNIT WAS ON ITS WAY AND SEEKING THEREFORE TO DELAY CAPTURE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, MADAME DIORI FIRED ON AND KILLED TWO NIGERIEN SOLDIERS WHO WERE LEADING DIORI OUT. SHE WAS THEN KILLED IN RETURN. SOURCE SAID IT WELL KNOWN THAT "MADAME DIORI HAD STOCKED AND WAS SELLING AT HIGH PRICES MUCH OF EMERGENCY US AND OTHER GRAIN SENT TO NIGER FOR DROUGHT RELIEF",
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AND RESENTMENT IN KNOWLEDGEABLE CIRCLES OVER THIS PRACTICE WHILE

PEOPLE WERE DYING WAS VERY HIGH.
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